

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WOOD
GIRARD
MONTESI
TAYLOR
FRASIER
STRAINER

OTHERS PRESENT:

SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
BRIAN LAFLURE, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARTIN AUFFREDOU, COUNTY ATTORNEY
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS KENNY

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR BENTLEY

LOEB
MASON
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SENIOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mrs. Wood called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:31 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Shawn Lamouree, Undersheriff, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Undersheriff Lamouree requested authorization for attendance at training, as follows:

- for two Patrol Officers to attend the Institute of Police Technology and Management Pedestrian and Bicycle Seminar on September 9-13, 2013 at the State Police Academy in Albany, New York, using a County vehicle; and
- for two Patrol Officers to attend the New York State Highway Safety Symposium on October 20-22, 2013 in Liverpool, New York, using a County vehicle.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to authorize attendance at the training as outlined above. *Copies of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention forms are on file with the minutes.*

Undersheriff Lamouree reported one vacant Correction Officer position had been filled and reflected a savings of \$11,650. He informed the Correctional Facility had been competing with other facilities for the boarding of out-of-County inmates. He advised the housing of inmates from Jefferson County had been negotiated which should increase revenue for the Department. Mr. Strainer questioned the boarding rate for Jefferson County inmates and Undersheriff Lamouree said he was unsure of the rate; however, he continued, seven inmates from Jefferson County were being housed and there was the possibility of boarding up to twenty inmates. Mr. Montesi remarked about the distance between Warren and Jefferson Counties and Undersheriff Lamouree countered that the inmates were previously boarded in Albany County which was a greater distance. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Loeb stated there had been much discussion pertaining to the recently purchased armored vehicle. He said there had been questions pertaining to the need for the vehicle, the possible impact

to the quality of life of the residents of Warren County and the cost to maintain the vehicle. Undersheriff Lamouree replied any costs associated with maintaining the armored vehicle would be covered by asset forfeiture funds. Relative to the quality of life of the residents, Undersheriff Lamouree said the armored vehicle would not be utilized on a daily basis as it was only for use in the event of an emergency or for training purposes. He noted there had been comments pertaining to the possible duplication of services which he countered by saying that in the event of an emergency, the Warren County Sheriff's Office did not want to wait for assistance from the State Police armored vehicle. He stated the acquisition of the armored vehicle was about being prepared for an emergency.

This concluded the Sheriff and Communications portion of the Committee meeting and the Office of Emergency Services portion of the meeting commenced at 9:36 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES), who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. LaFlure requested authorization for himself and James Schrammel, Hazmat (hazardous materials) Coordinator, to attend the New York State Hazmat Conference on October 18-19, 2013 in Syracuse, New York, using a County vehicle.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to authorize attendance at the Conference as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Martin Auffredou, County Attorney, requested to skip to agenda item number 4, pertaining to approval of a Restrictive Deed Covenants for the Warren-Washington County Regional Emergency Training and Education Center. He explained three small environmentally sensitive archeological areas had been identified on the property and in order to complete further development or construction it was necessary to have a Restrictive Deed Covenants on file in the County Clerk's Office. He added the Restrictive Deed Covenants would designate the three areas as "no disturbance areas". Mr. Auffredou stated the Restrictive Deed Covenants would run with the land, meaning that if the land was sold or conveyed, the restrictions would remain valid. He advised the necessary map and the Restrictive Deed Covenants documents had been prepared, reviewed and revised. He said he was requesting that the Committee approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Restrictive Deed Covenants documents.

Mr. Montesi asked the size of the parcel in question and Mr. LaFlure replied approximately 32 acres. Mr. Montesi questioned the size of the portion to be restricted and Mr. Auffredou replied the three areas totaled less than one acre. Mr. Montesi asked if the restrictions would interfere with the proposed road construction and Mr. Auffredou replied in the negative. Mr. LaFlure added the areas were located in the woods away from the project area. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Restrictive Deed Covenants for the Warren-Washington County Regional Emergency Training and Education Center. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 18, 2013 Board Meeting.*

Returning to the agenda review, Mr. LaFlure requested authorization to attend the New York State 911 Coordinators Conference on October 22-24, 2013 in Canandaigua, New York, using a County vehicle. He said that although he was not the official Warren County 911 Coordinator, he would be there representing the Governance Board on the Statewide Radio System and would give a presentation during the Conference.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Montesi and carried unanimously to authorize attendance at the Conference as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure requested authorization to attend the Regional Fire Administrators Conference on December 12-13, 2013 in Montour Falls, New York, using a County vehicle.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to authorize attendance at the Conference as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaFlure requested authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant in an amount not to exceed \$28,549, for a term commencing October 1, 2012 and terminating September 30, 2014. He added this was a 50/50 grant and the funds were utilized to pay the salary for the Account Clerk in the Office who completed the accounting work.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously to authorize submission of the grant application as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 18, 2013 Board Meeting.*

Mr. LaFlure distributed copies of rough drawings for a proposed open (carport-style) vehicle storage shelter; *copies of the rough drawings are on file with the minutes.* He said he had previously discussed the concept with Frank Morehouse, Superintendent of Buildings. He requested the matter be referred to the County Facilities Committee for further discussion. He explained the drawings and pointed out the location of the proposed vehicle shelter was the same location where the vehicles were currently parked. Mr. Montesi asked if there had been concerns in the past with the residents of Courthouse Estates pertaining to the proximity of buildings and Mr. LaFlure replied the vehicle shelter would be no closer to the Courthouse Estates than the current Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Building. Mr. Taylor asked if the compactor in the drawings was already in existence and Mr. LaFlure replied affirmatively and pointed out the proposed shelter would include an awning over the compactor to protect it from the elements. Mr. Taylor questioned the cost of constructing the proposed vehicle shelter and Mr. LaFlure replied he had estimated \$60,000 to \$70,000 depending on the amount of work completed by the Department of Public Works. Mr. LaFlure clarified this would not be an enclosed building as it would be more like a large carport-style building. He advised it was difficult to respond to an emergency when an additional 20 to 30 minutes was required to remove snow from around the vehicles. Mr. Girard asked if this specific location was necessary and Mr. LaFlure replied in the negative; however, he commented, he would prefer the location be within the Municipal Center Campus. Mr. LaFlure noted he had chosen this location due to an existing power panel. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Geraghty exited the meeting at 9:48 am.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to refer the matter of the possible construction of an open (carport-style) vehicle storage shelter to the County Facilities Committee for further discussion.

Mr. LaFlure stated everything was going well with the Warren-Washington County Regional Emergency Training and Education Center. He added he was working to complete the Communications Vehicle before the snow falls.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee on motion made by Mr. Montesi and seconded by Mr. Girard, Mrs. Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene DiResta, Senior Legislative Office Specialist